

10:00 Worship Service

A COMMUNITY OF HOPE  
**NORTH EAST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*To Know Jesus and Make Him Known*



December 11, 2022

**Welcome to NEUMC!**

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

**Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known**

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

## Third Sunday of Advent

### SONG

*“One Small Child”*

Stephen Crowell, soloist  
Acolyte Enters

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Debbo Lackore & Walker Rosier

**Reader 1:** Often this season feels tinged with forced joy and merriment and that can leave us all feeling empty and disconnected. We can feel disconnected from each other and, more importantly, from God. Joy seems to be something that slips through our fingers as though it were water. What would it look like if our joy came from a deep place, where God dwells within us? Is it possible to be joyful in the midst of the world we live in? Can we trust that God will help us to feel and experience joy in this life?

**Reader 2:** Today we light the candle of joy in our journey toward the Incarnate Christ, God with us, Jesus. As we light this candle, we remember the joy with which Mary answered Gabriel, the joy that comes not from our circumstances, but from God who dwells with and within us. Today, joy joins hope and peace on this incredible journey of anticipating the arrival of the Incarnate God.

*Light the first, second, and third candles.*

**Reader 2:** Holy God, you are full of delight and joy that runs deeper than anything we can imagine. Help us, to have eyes to be able to see the world as you do, to embrace the peace, hope, and joy that you have to offer us, and to open ourselves fully to your love.

All: **Amen**

### HYMN OF PRAISE, 230

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*  
Verses 1 & 2

ST. LOUIS

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868  
Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*“Lamb's Corner”*

### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 24:1-6  
James 5:7-10

### SONG

*“Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”*  
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### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

*“Joy Made Possible”*  
Isaiah 35:1-10

**HYMN, 218**

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

CAROL

Verses 1 & 4

Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849(Lk. 2:8-14)

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

## **CALL FOR OFFERING**

### **OFFERING**

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

\***DOXOLOGY, 95**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OLD 100TH

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Foundery Collection

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

(Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.

Grape juice and gluten free bread are available in the center.)

## **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us

from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**\*SONG**

*“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)*

Acolyte

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

**Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

**Verse 4**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* Please stand as you are able.**





If you are interested in doing a little Christmas caroling (you can go caroling even if you sing off key!) we are inviting you to join us Friday, December 16 at the church at 6:00 PM. We plan to visit our members who are homebound and in nursing homes. La..la..la...la..la.

Please contact me at (803) 609-0233 if you are interested in joining us.

Jane DeCristofaro

Let's learn and grow together!

# Sunday SCHOOL

**TIME 9:00AM**

**EDUCATION BUILDING**

4000 HARD SCRABBLE RD, COLUMBIA SC 29223

MORE INFORMATION 803.736.6386

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### **Overcomers**

Instructor: Brooks Shealy  
Supremacy of Christ  
Book of Colossians

### **Pairs & Spares**

Instructor: Tammie Sloop  
Light of the World  
by Amy Jill-Levine

### **Proverbs 16**

Instructor: Kermit Moss  
Book of Proverbs

### **Older Kids & Youth**

Instructors: Heather Cook &  
Bianca Brazell  
Lessons in the Bible

### **Preschool & Young Kids**

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary  
Anne Lockard & Sharon Shealy  
Lessons in the Bible





Want to receive our emails or update your mailing choices? Please take a moment to fill out this form with your choices. Place the form in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office.

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**EMAILS**

- Prayer Concerns  
(these go out as needs arise - several each week)
  
- General information and appeals from NEUMC  
(a few each month)
  
- Sunday Bulletin

**ACOLYTE**

Youth

**COMMUNION PREPARER TODAY**

Dianne Markham

**COMMUNION PREPARER NEXT WEEK**

Karen Evans

**COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY**

Jane DeCristofaro, Ira Sansolo & Dianne Markham

**COMMUNION SERVERS NEXT WEEK**

Sharon Shealy, Ira Sansolo & Karen Evans

**SCRIPTURE READER TODAY**

Debbie Hoesly

**SCRIPTURE READER NEXT WEEK**

Karen Evans

**PRAYER ROOM TODAY**

Jane DeCristofaro

**PRAYER ROOM NEXT WEEK**

Dan Christmus

**There are 4 ways to give:**

- (1) as offering is collect
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: [neumc.com/give](http://neumc.com/give)
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

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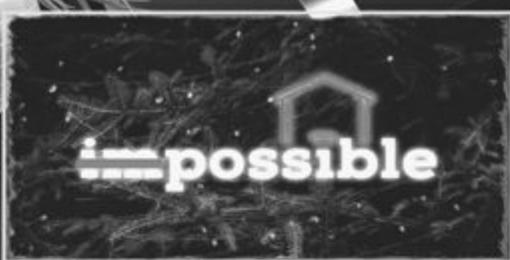
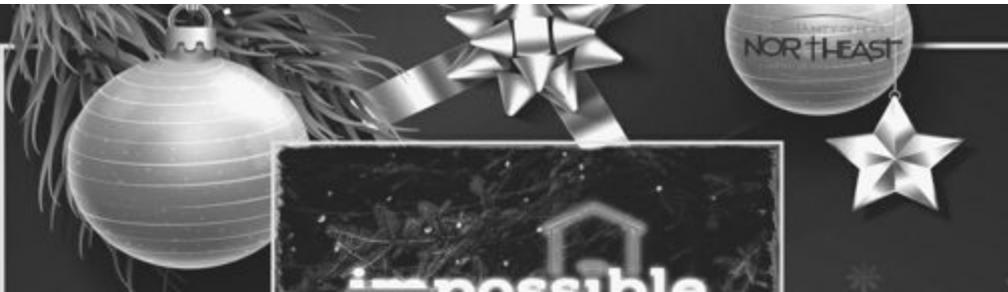
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**OFFICE HOURS**

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY



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**JOIN US THIS SEASON OF ADVENT AT NEUMC  
SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10:00 AM**

**DEC. 11 JOY Made Possible - ISAIAH 35:1-10**

**DEC. 18 LOVE Made Possible - MATTHEW 1:-18-25**

**Blue Christmas Service, The Longest Night**  
Wednesday, December 21, 5:30 PM

**Christmas Eve, Candelight Service**  
Saturday, December 24, 5:30 PM

**Christmas Day Service**  
Sunday, December 25, 11:00 AM

*Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or something white*



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# Youth Christmas Party

Tonight at the Church

6:30 PM

Please bring a dish to share.

Please bring a gift for the  
White Elephant gift exchange

(something from home  
or \$10 limit)



# END OF YEAR Contributions

Donate before December 31  
to count towards your  
2022 giving

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will resume  
meetings starting on  
Monday, January 2, 2023.

All men of NEUMC  
are invited to join us.

### Men in Ministry

*Strengthening Men for the Ministry*



Thank You to our  
awesome Youth for  
their donations to the  
Blessing Box!



# *Poinsettias*

*In Memory of*

*Given by*

The Claude Pull Family

Kay Burgess

Tim Chamblee (Husband)  
Mary & John Hensel (Parents)

Elizabeth Chamblee

Julian Rickards  
Yvonne Rickards

Sylvia Cousin

Verdie Christmas (Dan's Mother)  
Norma Groover (Gaye's Mother)

Dan & Gaye Christmas

Our Parents

Tom & Jane DeCristofaro

Janet Hafner  
James Broyan

Greg & Melanie Hafner

Rogelio (Friend)

Delina Johnson

Clair Lockard  
Tom Hambrick  
Vivienne Hambrick

John & Mary Anne Lockard

Sam Luckey

Gail Luckey

Jeanne R. Miro (Ryon's Mother)

Ryon Miro

Steve Owen (Husband)  
Bennie L. Turner (Father)

Laraine Owen



# *Poinsettias*

*In Memory of*

*Given by*

Dorothy Shaffner  
Ann & Edward Rythewski  
Mary & Carl Lutz

Nikki Shaffner

Lois & Pope Shealy

Sharon Shealy

Ann Wheeler  
James & May Nell & Wheeler

Jimmy Wheeler

James & Evelyn Moss

Pastor Antoinette & Kermit Moss

*In Honor of*

*Given by*

Bernice Plunkett

Sylvia Cousin

Hazel Lockard

John & Mary Anne Lockard

Louise Turner (Mother)

Laraine Owen

Our Children & Grandchildren

Duane & Jane Scott

Sara Shealy (Daughter)  
Brooks Shealy (Husband)

Sharon Shealy